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BOOK REVIEWS



HOME NURSING. By Eveleen Harrison. Macmillan Company, New York.

Miss Harrison is a trained nurse whose interest in and kindliness for the earnest members of the family who strive, in times of illness, to take their share of responsibility have induced her to write this most practical and helpful book for the use of these amateur home nurses. It is not written for nurses, but for the mother, sister, or relative to whose lot falls the care of the invalid in the family. We hardly see how it could have been done better, for this purpose, and nurses may safely recommend it in families where they go. It is very simply and clearly written, the methods given are described in clear and non-technical language, and only the safest and most well-judged advice is given as to what may be done "before the doctor comes." Miss Harrison has the teaching gift, and many a family will be grateful to her for her efforts in their behalf.

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SUGGESTIONS FOR CHOOSING BOOKS TO READ TO PATIENTS

THE first that comes to mind is Booker Washington's autobiography, "Up from Slavery." Such a triumph of character over environment as it portrays fills one with optimism and a renewed faith in human nature. Starting in life as he did, a slave, not knowing who his own father was, and then becoming one of the most honored citizens and foremost educators of the land, his life as told by himself is of the most absorbing interest. It is all recounted with the most touching simplicity and absence of self-consciousness, and cannot but act as a moral and mental tonic to the reader.

Another charming book is "Katherine Day," by Anna Fuller, a delightful picture of real life in and about Boston some thirty years ago. The character of Katherine is well drawn, and the other characters are very real. Tom endears himself greatly to the reader, in spite of his many blunders.

"The Happy Boy," by Bjornsen, is a charming little story suitable for those of all ages from ten years up, bringing one into the fresh, democratic atmosphere of those self-reliant Norwegians, worthy descendants of the plucky Vikings of old.

"Tolstoi and His Problems," by Aylmer Maude, gives a very good idea of the great Russian's point of view. Too stimulating, possibly, to thought and discussion for some patients, it might be of great value to others.

The two volumes of "Stevenson's Letters" are eminently suited for reading aloud; charming and delightfully written throughout, the pages may be opened almost at random for a half-hour's reading.

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